

Andreas Borgeas Councilmember

FRESNO VOTERS APPROVE MEASURE A

Fresno, CA (June 09, 2010) – Fresno voters in Tuesday's Primary Election overwhelmingly approved Measure A, amending Charter Section 1504. Measure A was drafted in response to a 1992 Charter provision mandating the addition of two new councilmembers when the City's population reaches 540,000.

Councilmembers Andreas Borgeas, Lee Brand, and Blong Xiong led the effort to amend Charter Section 1504 and introduced their proposal to the Fresno City Council as Resolution 2010-25. The City Council adopted Resolution 2010-25 and placed the amendment on the ballot for voter approval. The amendment raises the population threshold to 650,000 and it does not allow for an automatic addition of two new seats. Instead, it requires a comprehensive review hearing and voter approval. The new population threshold was narrowly tailored to meet state averages.

Councilman Borgeas stated, "The voters made an outstanding decision in approving Measure A. In a time of diminishing government resources, the City of Fresno should not be expanding the size of its local government."

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